

Notice of Allowability

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10/722,915

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/14/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Remarks/Amendment filed on 05/14/2007.
2. Applicant's compliance with claim objections and § 112 rejections as cited in the previous office action, is acknowledged. The amendment considered acceptable.

Response to Remarks/Amendment

3. Applicant's amendment/remarks filed 05/14/2007, have been fully considered and as a result claims 1-14 are now indicated allowable.
4. Claims 1-14 allowed.

Reason For Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record in combination with other claimed limitations neither teaches nor renders obvious a method of training equalizer comprising:
 - a) utilizing, as a restricted coefficient updating vector applied for updating the multiplication coefficient for each tap of a FIR filter, a vector obtained from projecting, onto a plane perpendicular to a predetermined restricting conditioning vector, a coefficient updating vector determined based on an equalizer error between the output of the FIR equalizer and a reproduction output determined therefrom, and a delayed input value for each tap of the FIR equalizer; and

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b) utilizing, as the predetermined restricting conditioning vector, a coefficient vector comprising the multiplication coefficients for the equalizer obtained upon calculating the equalizer error, as recited in claims 1, 4 and 5.

b) utilizing, as the predetermined restricting conditioning vector, a vector which is a difference between a coefficient vector comprising the multiplication coefficients for the FIR equalizer obtained upon calculating the equalizer error and another coefficient vector immediately subsequent thereto obtained in the same condition as recited in claim 2.

b) utilizing, as the predetermined restricting conditioning vector, a vector which is a difference between a subsequent coefficient vector obtained in the same condition immediately subsequent to and an antecedent coefficient vector obtained in the same condition immediately antecedent to a reference coefficient comprising the multiplication coefficients for the equalizer obtained upon calculating the FIR equalizer error as recited in claim 3.

Claim 6, in combination with other claimed limitations, said training part utilizes, as the restricting conditioning vector, a vector which is a difference between a subsequent coefficient vector obtained in the same condition immediately subsequent to and an antecedent coefficient vector obtained in the same condition immediately antecedent to a reference coefficient comprising the multiplication coefficients for the equalizer obtained upon calculating the FIR equalizer error.

Such limitations as recited in these claims above, are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qutub Ghulamali whose telephone number is (571) 272-3014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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